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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for ~~accessing functionality of a consumer~~ accessing a device comprising:

~~accessing a second state of a controller, the second state being established using bio-metric input of a second user;~~

~~receiving bio-metric input of a first user into a bio-metric user identification input component of the controller;~~

~~establishing a system state of the controller, the system state being a previous used state by the first user or a state similar to the previous used state; and~~

~~providing access to functionality of the system state of a consumer device using the controller by the first user.~~

providing a controller having a bio-metric component;

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user entered into the input component, said bio-metric input of the second user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user.

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Claims 2 - 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A controller comprising:

a bio-metric input component; and

a graphical display;

~~wherein the controller, upon log-on by a first user, is programmed to enter a previous used state by the first user or a state similar to the previous used state by the first user;~~

~~wherein said log-on occurs in response to the first user inputting bio-metric input into the bio-metric input component.~~

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a system state for a first user being dependent upon a bio-metric input of said first user entered into said bio-metric input component wherein said system state for said first user is the same or substantially similar to a previous state of said controller that was in effect at the end of a previous use of said controller by said first user; and

a system state for a second user being dependent upon a bio-metric input of said second user entered into said bio-metric input component wherein said system state for said second user is the same or substantially similar to a previous state of said controller that was in effect at the end of a previous use of said controller by said second user.

Claims 18 - 70 (cancelled)

Claim 71 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are voice inputs.

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Claim 72 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are voice inputs.

Claim 73 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are voice fingerprint inputs.

Claim 74 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are fingerprint inputs.

Claim 75 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are retinal scans.

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Claim 76 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are retinal scans

Claim 77 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are signature based inputs.

Claim 78 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are signature based inputs.

Claim 79 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are means for uniquely identifying a user.

Claim 80 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are means for uniquely identifying a user.

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Claim 81 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are facial inputs.

Claim 82 (new): The controller of claim 17 wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are facial inputs.
